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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7098

BILL NUMBER: SB 468

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Immunity for Bowling Centers.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Schneider

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill has the following provisions:

- A. *Civil Immunity* – It grants civil immunity to the operator of a bowling center for injuries caused to a bowler who slips or falls in the bowling center due to the presence of a substance on the bowler's shoe that was acquired outside the bowling center and tracked in. It also provides that the civil immunity does not apply if the operator fails to maintain the premises in a safe condition or the injury results from gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
- B. *Conspicuous Notice* – It requires the operator to post a conspicuous notice near the entrances and exits to the bowling center.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Civil Immunity* – State-supported universities are already immune from certain tort actions (IC 34-13-3-7). If they are not immune for civil liability in a slip-and-fall incident that results when a bowler tracks in substances from outside the bowling center, this bill would make the university immune.

State-supported universities report that bowling centers are located on four campuses across Indiana. This bill could reduce any liabilities that these universities might incur from any injury that an individual may suffer under the circumstances described in this bill. Ball State University, Indiana University, Purdue University, and Vincennes University all report having bowling centers on one of their campuses.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Civil Immunity* – See *Explanation of State Expenditures*. This bill may limit the tort liability for any local unit of government that operates a bowling center. The city of Whiting has a 12 lane bowling alley inside its Community Center that is operated and maintained by city employees.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Ball State University, Indiana University, Purdue University, Vincennes University.

Local Agencies Affected:

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